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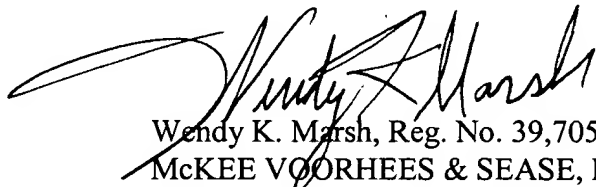
Applicants have now amended the specification to delete reference to Figure 15.

It is believed the application is in a prima facie condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

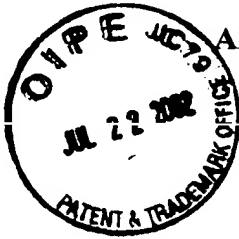


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AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS  
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of p. 6 and ending at line 2 of p. 6 has been deleted.

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of p. 28 has been amended as follows:

The inventors have also demonstrated that the plant protein are biodegradable by monitoring the evolution of carbon dioxide when samples were subjected to soil, sand, compost, and manure systems, as well as from marine systems. Attached as [Figures] Figure 14 [and 15 are graphs] is a graph illustrating the percent of carbon dioxide released relative to theoretical CO<sub>2</sub> (ThCO<sub>2</sub>) from these systems using the composites of this invention (Soy protein/starch/glycerol, SCG plastic,) versus control. [Figures] Figure 14 [and 15 demonstrate] demonstrates that Applicant's plant protein composites are highly biodegradable as shown by the high amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced.